



**EB-2009-0140**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,  
1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Veridian  
Connections Inc. for an order approving just and  
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity  
distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Cynthia Chaplin  
Vice-Chair and Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle  
Member

### **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 2, 2009, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Veridian charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board has assigned File Number EB-2009-0140 to this application.

On November 23, 2009, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and Ms. Stewart observer status. The Board has also determined that the intervenors are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on March 31, 2010, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Veridian.

A cost claim was submitted by VECC by the April 24, 2010 deadline specified in the Decision. SEC submitted its cost claim on May 2, 2010 and CCC and Energy Probe on May 3, 2010. No comments were received from Veridian.

The Board reviewed the claims filed by CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC, and found that two claims were not in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, and has made the following adjustments:

- Energy Probe: \$80.59 reduction in disbursements.

The Board accepts the cost claims filed by SEC, CCC and Energy Probe notwithstanding that they were filed after the deadline specified in the Decision. The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding subject to the adjustment referenced above. The Board finds that each party's claims, adjusted as described above, are reasonable and should be reimbursed by Veridian.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian Connections Inc. shall immediately pay:
  - Consumers Council of Canada \$19,750.50;
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$27,058.88;
  - School Energy Coalition \$25,882.75; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$17,026.27.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 25, 2010

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary